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SUBJ: GOI REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON COCO AND
CHRISTMAS ISLANDS

1. MAJOR GENERAL NURMATHIAS, DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY AT FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, ASKED POL COUNSELOR APRIL 9 IF EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH ANY INFORMATION ON CHRISTMAS ISLANDS OR COCO ISLANDS. NURMATHIAS SAID GOI GREATLY INTERESTED IN BOTH ISLANDS AT THIS TIME BECAUSE IT WAS UNCLEAR TO GOI WHAT AUSTRALIA INTENDED TO DO ABOUT THEM. HE NOTED THAT CHRISTMAS ISLANDS WERE ESPECIALLY INTERESTING TO GOI BECAUSE THEY ARE RELATIVELY CLOSE TO INDONESIA AND OFF WEST JAVA. HE SAID HE WANTED DETAILS ON POPULATION, NUMBER OF SQUARE MILES, INFRASTRUCTURE, GOVERNMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS, BUT ALSO WANTED TO KNOW ANYTHING WE COULD TELL HIM ABOUT CURRENT AUSTRALIAN PLANS AND INTENTIONS FOR THE TWO ISLANDS.

2. POL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO PASS NURMATHIAS ANY BASIC GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION WE MIGHT HAVE ON THE ISLANDS, BUT KNEW NOTHING ABOUT AUSTRALIA'S PLANS FOR THEM AND WOULD SUGGEST NURMATHIAS QUERY AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY FOR THIS INFORMATION.

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3. UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS FURTHER GUIDANCE, WE WOULD

PROPOSE LEAVE MATTER THERE.

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